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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

CongVan Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-58 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
2. Claims 59-68 have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corriveau et al. (6,038,449) in view of Wang et al. (6,178,164).

Regarding claims 1, 31 and 59-61, Corriveau discloses a radio access network (see fig.1, 10 and its description) comprising a serving radio network control node (see fig.1, element 18(1)) and a drift radio network control node (see fig.1, element 18(2)), a method comprising: determining that a target cell controlled by the drift radio network control node should be prepared for handover with respect to a user equipment unit (see fig.3A, step 116, element 16(1) col.5-6 and its description), the target cell being neighbored by a set of neighboring cells (see fig.1, element 32(1) and its description), the set of neighboring cells including a first subset of neighboring cells and a second subset of neighboring cells (see fig.1, element 32(2) and its description), a handover involving the user equipment unit being permitted for a cell of the first subset but not for

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a cell of the second subset (see figs.1-3, element 32(1), 62, col.5-6 and its description), except for transmitting to the user equipment unit a message including a filtered list of cells. However, Wang discloses a method and apparatus for performing idle handoff in a multiple access communication system comprising transmitting to the user equipment unit a message including a filtered list of cells, the filtered list of cells including the first subset but not the second subset (see abstract, fig.1, elements 2 and 26A, col.7, lines 59-65, figs.3A-D and its description). Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the Wang's technique in Corriveau's invention to improve method and apparatus for performing handoff in a multiple access communication.

Regarding claims 2-5, 7-19, 21-25, 27-30, 32-34, 36-48, 50-54, 56-58, and 62-68, Corriveau further discloses all limitations in claimed (see figs.2-3, 62, 74 and its description).

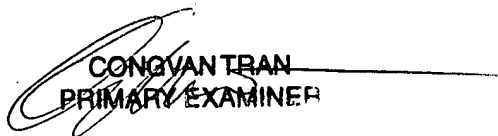
Regarding claims 3 and 35, Corriveau discloses all the subject matters described in rejected claims above, except for the identification of the user equipment unit is the International Mobile Subscriber Identifier (IMSI) of the user equipment unit. However, IMSI is well known in mobile telephone network using to identify a subscriber to mobile international telephone services.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CongVan Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-7871. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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